

It's my understanding that the FCC is considering allowing new LPFM stations to take priority over current FM translator services. While I understand why this might make sense in theory, in reality this could be a real loss for listeners. I live in a small community where our listening choices are very limited. For instance, on the AM dial here, there are only three stations, one of which broadcasts only in Spanish. We do listen to these local stations some of the time but if we had to rely on them solely, frankly, we would turn the radio off or subscribe to satellite radio. We listen a lot to a national station that is rebroadcast in our area via translator services. I believe that our access to NPR also is via FM translator services.

Again, in theory, a new LPFM station could provide a similar service but the reality is that there simply is not the interest, funding or manpower in a community like ours to make something like that happen. Please don't take away the services that we receive through FM translators.

Thank you for your consideration.